

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. SCOTT M. PIRONG

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Scott M. Pirong, age 32, of Fayette, New York, pled guilty before Hon. David G. Larimer, United States District Court Judge, to one count of a felony indictment charging him with wire fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, carrying a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that the defendant knowingly devised a scheme to obtain money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses pertaining to the brokering of aircraft parts as part of his d/b/a, Finger Lakes Sales and Service and, for the purpose of executing that scheme, caused certain wire communications to take place in interstate commerce. The defendant would make representations to customers regarding the availability of specific aircraft parts and would cause wire transfers of money to be sent to him. The defendant would represent that parts had been delivered when they had not. When customers demanded a return of their money, he would communicate through fax, telephone, or email that the money would

be returned to them. Ultimately, he would not return the full amount of money obtained from the customers.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Laurie J. Bennett.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 12, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. in front of the Hon. David G. Larimer.